

A FOCUS ON VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

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5. Catholic Schools

In this area of education, the Church of Vancouver faces different issues. "First and foremost, we have a crisis of values which assumes the form, often exalted by the media, of subjectivism, moral relativism and nihilism." These philosophies and the air of pluralism, as mentioned in the *Social Cultural* section above, breathed on the younger generation and influenced them of their Catholic identity. We are also faced with new immigration especially from Asia that brings the challenge of different culture and values. In order to guarantee the proper Catholic formation in the school system, the Archdiocese School Board commits themselves to ensure the mission of Christ to proclaim and build the kingdom of God. They help the students develop and nurture well-rounded individuals - spiritually, emotionally, physically and intellectually. With valiant efforts, there are still needs of improvement on the following issues:

*Teachers are not properly trained and form spiritually especially those who teach Religion subject.

*Teachers are not practicing their faith.

*Drugs problem in school

*Students are not going to Church.

*Pastors and Chaplains have little influence in the faith formation of the school.

*Religion and living the faith is not the priority in schools.

*Students view vocation as a career and not a life.

By comparing these problems to the *Apostolic Constitution* of Pope John Paul II on *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, we see how much we have missed the mark and need to restore these characters of a Catholic school to our Catholic school system:

1. Christian inspiration not only of individuals but of the university community as such;
2. A continuing reflection in the light of the Catholic faith upon the growing treasury of human knowledge, to which it seeks to contribute by its own research;
3. Fidelity to the Christian message as it comes to us through the Church;
4. An institutional commitment to the service of the people of God and of the human family in their pilgrimage to the transcendent goal which gives meaning to life'

What also important is the community and the people who make up this community. Each of them has the responsibility in his/her capacity to make the school what it should be. On the contrary, we all fail in our school system in the diocese from the bottom up: students, teachers, parents, administrators, priests.



Welcome to St. Ann's Parish

Our Vision Statement: to be a Christ-centered community of missionary disciples.

Our Mission Statement: to work and pray to be a welcoming, Eucharistic community that spreads the good news of Christ. We each strive to share our gifts within and beyond the parish for the glory of God.



THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be prepared by our Knights of Columbus today **Sunday, October 8th after the 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses.**

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND VESPERS today **Sunday, October 8th at 3:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital Please join us in praying for the Doctors, Nurses, hospital workers, and most especially the patients and their families.

TEA AND TOTS with Sr Suzana resumes on **Monday mornings from 9-10:30 am** in St. Monica's lounge.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING has been postponed until **Tuesday, October 17th, 8:00 p.m.** in St. Joachim room.

WIDOWS' LUNCHEON on **Wednesday, October 11th, 12 noon** at Roseland Restaurant on South Fraser Way. Please rsvp to Matilde at 604-850-1782.

MASS will be celebrated at the Mayfair Seniors' Home on **Thursday, October 12th at 10:00 a.m.**

MASS will be celebrated at Maplewood House on **Friday, October 13th at 4:00 p.m.**

HISPANIC MASS will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m.** Reception to follow in the Parish Centre.

CWL WORKSHOP: CATCH THE FIRE at St. Ann's on **Saturday, October 14th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend to gain a new understanding of CWL For information please call Bev @ 604-557-0309 or email katchmer@telus.net

WINE AND CHEESE WITH YOUR BELOVED : Join St. Ann's Family Group as we gather for a fun evening on **Saturday, October 14th from 7-9pm.** Enjoy a wine and cheese social and a video on the Meaning of Marriage from the "Beloved" marriage course. Admission is by donation. Please RSVP to stannsfamilygroup@gmail.com.

On **Tuesday, October 17th after the evening Mass**, there will be a **PRESENTATION BY THE DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES** in St. Monica's lounge. More info in next week's bulletin.

St Ann's Parish will be hosting a **screening of Over 18, a documentary about pornography and its effects on children and youth who are getting addicted to it.**

The screening will be taking place on **Saturday, October 21st at 7pm** in the Parish Centre. Our hope in hosting this screening is to open up the conversation around pornography addiction in our community and families. We also want to equip people with tools and resources to both protect their kids from harmful sexual content online as well as help those struggling with pornography addiction themselves. You can view the trailer for the documentary at www.over18doc.com. This is suitable for parents, teachers, and other adults concerned about the future and our children. For more information contact Jody Garneau at adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca.

ADVOKATE FUNDRAISING BANQUET: Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Columbia Bible College on 2940 Clearbrook Rd. Come and hear **former abortionist, Dr. Anthony Levantino.** Free general seating. **RSVP by October 15th.** Phone 604-852-4623 or email info@advokate.ca

MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCT 9TH TO OCT 15TH, 2017

Monday 9:00am Teodoro Cui, Sr., rip.

Tuesday 7:00pm Sr. Elizabeth Bellefontaine, rip.

Wednesday 8:00am Jose Fromont, rip.

Thursday 8:00am Christopher Toth, int.

Friday 8:00am Anita & Maximo Sulpico, rip.

Saturday 9:00am Ronald Winbow, rip.
5:00pm Henry Lemieux, int.

Sunday 8:00am For the Parishioners of St. Ann's
10:00am Angelina Domino, rip.
Noon Intentions for the Parish

Junior Youth (Gr.5-7)

Oct 14 - Don't Be a Wild Grape - 6-8pm

How is your harvest? Are you a fruitful grape that gives much or a wild grape that does not? In this night we will look at how God has called us to use our gifts that He has given us, in order that we may lovingly care for the Kingdom of God.

LifeTeen (Gr. 8-12)

Oct 21 - Carry the Fire - 6-8pm

The Church has accurately passed down the unfolding story of salvation through Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture. This deposit of faith is guarded by the Church, through retaining all divinely inspired books and keeping out inaccurate books. We are called to continue this work and carry the fire of Christ through the Good News to those in our lives.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH.
Morning Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am.



Blessings to you and your families this Thanksgiving weekend.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 8TH, 2017

FEAST DAYS & READINGS OCT 9TH TO OCT 15TH, 2017

Monday
Jonah 1:1-2:1, 10; Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday
Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday
Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4

Thursday
Malachi 3:13-4:2; Luke 11:5-13

Friday
Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday
Joel 3:12-21; Luke 11:27-28

Sunday-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

Join us as we **commemorate the 100th Anniversary of OUR LADY OF FATIMA on Friday, October 13th.** We will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. then follow with the praying of the Holy Rosary. **Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence opportunity for the 100th anniversary until November 26th, 2017. One of the ways to gain an indulgence is by praying before a statue of our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration.**



CAREGIVING IS PRO-LIFE!

"Are you a caregiver? Are you taking care of a spouse, aging parent, or loved one? For those who would be interested in meeting others in the same situation, we are hosting a **Caregiver Coffee hour** on **Saturday, October 21, 10 am - 11 am.** We will meet in St Monica's Lounge. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Come and spend an hour with people who have similar challenges and concerns. We hope to begin doing this on a quarterly basis. Home visits can also be arranged if you are unable to come out. For more information contact the parish.



The aroma of delicious treats, laughter bouncing on top of cheerful conversation..... This is just a part of the fun, festive atmosphere we would like to share with you! **Please join us at our ST ANN'S CHRISTMAS MARKET November 3rd & 4th**

and volunteer alongside other members of our community. There are opportunities for everyone to be involved from all ages, interests and skill levels; both male and female. Your time may be eligible as a credit towards school service hours. What a wonderful way to embrace the beginning of the beautiful season. We invite you to be inspired and a part of the joy & love in our parish community. For more information please contact Maria at:

manitobamaria@hotmail.com. Thank you for supporting our Christmas Market!

AUTUMN HARVEST PROJECT: Got a green thumb? Or a child who could learn to have one? We have an easy & rewarding project for you! We are looking for parishioners to take cuttings from their plants and grow them in small interesting containers ie.: coffee mugs. We have put out a few containers in the Church and Parish Centre foyers for you to use. These will then be sold at the **Christmas Market November 3rd and 4th** with the proceeds going to our parish. Thank you for supporting our Parish Christmas Market!